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Augusta, Jan. 8, 1876.

TERMS OF THE MAINE FARMER.

All payments made by subscribers will be

Collectors' Notices.

Mr. C. S. AYER will call upon our subscriber MR. J. P. CLARK will call upon subscribers to Brunswick during the month of January.

An Appeal to our Patrons.

appeal to delinquent subscribers. A large amount is due us, which is required to defray the current ex ty? The little that each de- ceipt of webs of cotton cloth, from Hon, J. the paper more to the acceptance and advantage of our patrons. Let the near approaching advent of the Centenary year be made memorable and joyful tributed by noble hearted gentlemen of Auto both publishers and patrons, by the prompt and

now due, at the rate of \$2 per year and two dollars in mander of Seth Williams Post, P. P. Getch cidition, shall receive credit for all past indebtedness, ell Quartermaster and Rev. H. W. Tilden and for a year's subscription in advance. THIS OF. Chaplain .- Miss Caroline Stanwood of this FER TO STAND OPEN UNTIL THE FIF. city, met with a severe accident early Thur. TEENTH OF JANUARY, 1876. All payments day morning. She slipped and fell on he made at this office, or by mail, or to our authorized hip, on a stone step in front of her residence agents, previous to that date, will be credited in ac. The attending surgeons, Drs. Bricket & Boordance with the terms above stated.

A Brief Retrespect.

The old year expired on Friday night, and the centennial year was ushered in. In many places the important event was noticed by the ringing of bells, firing of can-ed plus 60 in the street. The snow rapidly non, and other similar demonstrations. In disappeared, and the ice in the river became Washington, the Foreign Ministers, Judges, Senators and members of Congress, called the senators and members of Congress, called the senators and members of Congress, called the senators are senators. upon the President in the evening and re-furiously, and the mercury dropped to plus mained at the White House until the old year was rung out and the new was ushered the Fuller drug store in this city, and will in. The night was clear, and warm even in our high northern latitude, the mercury at carry on the business in all its branches. His many friends in this city will be glad of midnight indicated about 40 above. A his return.—The dwelling house of I. M. more beautiful dawn never appeared in the Furbish on Cushnoe Heights, took fire on Eastern sky than that of Saturday morning.

Tuesday morning, but the flames were exand the entire day was as balmy as May. We hope that the year so auspiciously begun, a year of such great interest to the American people, may be one of uninter-

in the city during the week, to look after the organization of the Legislature.-The was not prolific of great events in our own son & Co., has dissolved, by the withdrawal well known grocery firm of Chisam, Robin-State. The moral sense of the community has been shocked by the commission of the usual number of crimes, notwithstanding the gallows was set up and used for the first time in several years. Preparations for having our industrial and other resources and interests represented in the great Interand with very favorable results.

in Fryeburg, on the 1st of August. At Waterford, the centennial of the settlement of the town was observed Sept. 1st. There Wm. Sewall Gardner, Esq., of Newwas some talk of noticing the anniversary ton, Mass., was last week appointed by of the burning of Falmouth by Mowatt, but Gov. Gaston as Judge of the Superior Court

Maine has been an independent State only recently promoted to the Supreme Bench of 55 years, and her populatian since 1820 has the State. Mr. Gardiner is the son of the increased from 298,260 to 626,916. In that late Robert Gardner, Esq., of Hallowell, time the value of her manufactures has in- and grandson of the late Gen. Henry Sewcreased from \$24,661,057 to \$79,496,521, all of this city. He graduated with honor Within that time, also, our railway system at Bowdoin in the class of 1850, and soon has been created, and most of our river and after commenced his legal career as the junior member of the firm of Sweetser & The failures in business during the past Gardner in Boston, winning an enviable

year have not been numerous, and but few reputation in his profession. His distinof those which have occurred are for large sums. The following are the more important: J. Winslow Jones of Portland, lia- while comparatively a young man, a postbilities \$100,000; Wm. K. Lancey, Pitts- tion, unsolicited and unsought, which ought field, \$175,000; Coller & Hamilton, Augus to satisfy the most honorable ambition ta, \$80.000; W. N. Goold, Portland, \$81,- Judge Gardner's many friends in Maine 500; O. M. Shaw, Bangor, \$125,000, and G. as in Massachusetts, will recognize the pro-K. Jewett. Bangor, whose affairs were priety and fitness of the appointment, and mixed up with the bankrupt European and most heartily felicitate him upon the honor

There were 226 fires in the State during cipient. the year, against 228 the preceding year. The losses in 1874 were considerably in excess of those of 1875. The largest number at the Mansion House on Tuesday evening ber of fires for a single month occurred in last, was continued over to Wednesday, the May, and the greatest loss of property in time being spent in closing up the business

of the year and making arrangements i The mortuary record though large, includes but few prominent men. The severe inst. It appears that the receipts of the weather of last winter caused great mortalilast State Fair in Portland were insufficient ty among aged persons. Among the more to meet the expenses by about \$4,000, which prominent names of those who have died sum has been raised by the Trustees and are Gen. S. F. Hersey, Bangor, Solyman the premiums and other liabilities paid in Heath, Waterville, W. K. Kimball, Paris, full. The State Fair will be held in Port-Reuben B. Foster, Hanover, Charles Joy land for the coming two years. Morris, Portland, N. O. Mitchell of Gardi-Morris, Portland, N. O. Mitchell of Gardi-ner and Going Hathorn of Pittsfield. The We surrender a large portion of our number of suicides during the year was 57, space this week, to the first annual mesof which 38 were females and 19 males. In sage of Governor Connor which we present 1874 there were 65 suicides, viz.: 39 men in full. It is a well written document and and 26 women. The criminal record of the most of its suggestions we think are sound

and practical. We recommend our readers George Pangborn of Medway, 82 years of to peruse it carefully and judge of its mer-George Pangborn of Medway, 82 years of age, killed his wife, 61 years of age, with an axe, by cutting off her head while she was asleep. He was found guilty and sent to the State Prison. In Mercer, Greenleaf F. Tracey, a married man, killed the divorced wife of Hiram Walton, with whom he had been living, in a fit of jealousy, and then killed himself. John Miller, in a quarrel with his wife, shot his son Charles, who interfered to protect her, and who afterward died. He was sent to State Prison for life, for murder in the second degree. The famfor murder in the second degree. The family lived on Birch Island, Casco Bay. Hugh Smith of Buxton, kept his insane wife in a room with no fire, and she was frozen so badly that she died.

Leaving the old year behind with its crimes and casualties, its joys and sorrows. we have now fairly crossed the threshold of the year 1876, a year which will long be reembered by the American people as the hundredth anniversary of our emancipation election takes place. Let us hope that both may be conducted in a manner creditable to us as a nation and people, and that they may

According to the report of the State Liquor Agent, liquors costing \$74,937,94 and an honor to the Society. the year ending November 30, 1875. Ther are about 60 agencies in the state. Many of the towns have no agencies, but purchas costing \$6597, Bath, \$2229, Gardiner, \$2008, Portland, 4358, Waterville, \$4642, Lewiston, cies have purchased all their supply at the been holding temperance meetings in Frank- facturer has been systematically robbed of State Agency. Reports indicate that town lin Plantation and Peru, and that great re- over \$700,000 during the past few years by

CITY NEWS AND GOSSIP. Dea. E. A.

den in full bloom .- Over one hundred

the Bicknell house on Western Avenue.

by a son. Another brother of deceased is cashier of the Gardiner bank, and still

bank in this city. Mr. Adams was a capable and conscientious officer, and held in high esteem.—Barton and Russell are selling out their goods at auction.---We

Mrs. Scott Siddons will give a reading en-

tertainment.-The Color Guard is to be

repeated in this city toward the last of Jan-

uary.- The ladies of the Howard Benevo-

lent Society gratefully acknowledge the re-

W. Bradbury, Mr. Chas. H. Hamlen, and

have been greatly assisted in their charits

gusta.-Thursday morning a fire from

the boiler in Vickery's press room, com-

municated with the ceiling and was hurning

quite briskly when the employes arrived. I

-A. L. Brown has been elected com-

lan, are of the opinion that there is fracture

of the thigh bone within the capsular liga-

ment of the hip joint .- The village school

have commenced a term of eleven weeks.

—The first three days of the new year

were among the warmest winter days on

record. On Saturday the mercury indicat

the wind changed to northwest and blew

tinguished without much damage. It caught

from different parts of the State have been

of which he is the worthy and deserving

Bedford, Mass., died at his residence Sun-

day. He was attorney for the commo

carefully put away for future reference. We are in receipt of duplicate copies

of the reports of the annual meeting and

excursion of the Maine Editors' and Pub-

lishers Association from Mr. Joseph Wood the accomplished Secretary of the Association. They are fine specimens of first class

work and are highly creditable to Mr. Wood

ton Daily Journal stands at the head of our Maine Dailies. It is ably managed in all

its departments and being an evening paper,

its news are brought down several hours

tees of Harvard College.

learn that Theodor

ganized at the State House, Wednesday.

Mr. Editor: The county commission in the Senate, Gen. Thomas W. Hyde of have made a careful and thorough examples. couples participated in the ball given by gor, Assistant; J. H. Banks, Freeport, Messenger, and B. F. Stevens of Hampden, tendent Dunham, one cutter and three jour coln county, with his family, will occupy

In the House, Hon. Frederick Robie of are quietly at work each in his appropriat Meonian Hall last week was large, and the Gorham, was elected Speaker; Oramandel little people had a good time.—Augusta Smith of Litchfield, Clerk; E. C. Burleigh, city bonds are selling at 4 per cent. premi- Linneus, Assistant; J. B. Walker, Turner, ums.—There have been one hundred and Messenger; E. H. Crie, Portland, and C. nineteen deaths in the city during the past H. Getchell, Jackson, Assistants.

year, just the same number as during the The following State officers, non age A subscriber desiring to change his post office year previous. Of this number 33 were at the republican legislative caucus on under 20 years of age, and 11 between 80 Wednesday evening, were elected in joint direction or to discontinue his paper, must communicate to us the name of the office to which it has pre-Freeman's bank, died Friday of consump- day) morning:

Secretary of State-Sumner J. Chad-Attorney General—Lucilius A. Emery of Ellsworth. of the Cobbossee bank in Gardiner, assisted bourne of Dixn Adjutant General-J. P. Cilley of Thom-

aston.

Treasurer—Silas C, Hatch of Bangor.

Executive Council—Jeremiah M. Ma
of Limerick; Geo. Warren of Westbro
Geo. A. Preble of Bath; Charles A. W of Winthrop; Fred E. Richards of Cam Charles Buffum of Orono; Solomon Sta this city sometime during he winter, and of Kingfie

As we go to press the ceremonies of installation have been performed and Gov. Connor is now delivering his inaugural ad-

estroyed the house owned and occupied by John Campbell, in Pittston last Monday evening. The toll bridge across the Kenne ec was damaged to the amount of \$300 .-No insurance. The new brick block, owned by Wm. Rollins was damaged \$150. Campbell's loss is about \$2000; insured \$1000.-Our correspondent (J. P. C.) informs us that Riverside Lodge of Good Templars is in a tourishing condition. The members had a neck tie andihandkerchief party at the church very pleasant and enjoyable. The Farmer's and of Riverside furnished the music for the occasion, this being their first appearance in public. They acquitted themselves with great credit. An oyster supper at Ran dall's Hall closed the entertains nt.-Mr. Silas Albert Manter of Wayne, died suddenly Dec. 28. He was sick but a few days with lung fever and his sudden death appals citizen and kind-hearted man. --- The Press says that a gang of sheep-stealers which has been plundering in the vicinity of Waterville has been broken up, and the leader named Eldridge, sent to Augusta to await trial. - John Thompson, a young man 16 years of age, committed suicide in Sabattus Saturday by hanging himself to a beam.-Difficulties in school are assigned as the eause. - Mr. Amos Evans, who died in North China, on the 13th of November, served through the Mexican war, and through wounded-About fifty of the honest and nnocent farmers of Clinton and Benton have been deluded into giving their notes for \$150 by two plausible swindlers, who persuaded them that the cloth was chean at \$300 a lot. It proves to be dear at \$30, and the farmers are anxiously seeking how they shall avoid meeting their notes in March next .- Mr. Nathaniel Kent of West Mt. Vernon has just of Mr. Harvey Chisam. The business will be paid his annual subscription to the FARMER,

& Co., bankers, of which he was one of the and satisfactorily tested. firm. The city will not sufier, as his real estate of Massachusetts, to succeed Judge Lord perfectly honest and reliable. He has gone pital.

of Alaska," "An Appeal to the People and Press of America." We shall look it over at our leisure and make such extracts from it as may be suited to our columns. We know nothing of the merits of the contest going on between the citizens of that far off country and the "rings," as set forth in this pamphlet, and our remarks upon the general subject of Alaska last week, were made upon the assumption that the official report of Mr. Elliott is reliable. We have no entirely reliable information on the subject, and so are open to conviction.

The new Grammar school house was dedicated Thursday in Bangor? The exercises consisted of opening prayer, oration by

cless consisted of opening prayer, oration by Prof. Barbour, and the transfer and acceptance of the keys. The structure is a fine one, built at an expense of about \$33,000. It has eight rooms, capable of accommodating 49 scholars each. The outside appearance of the building is also fine. It is fitted up with all modern improvements and is an ornament to the city. Many distinguished people were present from other parts of the sent to the city. Many distinguished people were present from other parts of the state. The exercises were held in Exhibi-

rs, commence the new year with a large ecession of valuable music. They have ourehased the entire stock of Lee & Walker in Philadelphia, and will continue the thus purchased comprises a quarter of a mile (500,000 pieces) of sheet music, 10,000 Music Book Plates, belonging to 250 different books, 125 planos and organs, &c., &c. As the original stock of O. D. & Co., includes about twice the quantity above named, it will be seen that they have literally "music for the million." See advertisement. Ex-Gov. John H. Clifford of New wealth, and conducted the trial which re-

the murder of Dr. Parkman. He was elected governor in 1852, and subsequently One hundred and twenty-five of the occupied many important positions. For leading citizens of Rockland having signed an agreement to support the thorough enforcement of the prohibitory law and stand by each other in securing such enforcement, meeting was held Saturday evening to nal, has compiled Biographical Sketches of the members of the 55th Maine Legislature, take measures to carry out this purpose. it being volume 5 of the series. It is pleastive committee of one from each ward, was tical documents which when read should be thorough enforcement of the law and to ask

> Free High School act this year, drawing from the State treasury about \$40,000. All the

the appointment of an additional police

not in session. In the house the only action had was the introduction of several orders

For the Maine Parmer. The County Workshop.

the firemen at Granite Hall, on the evening of New Year's.—Senator Carney of Lin-Augusta, Secretary; G. F. Danforth, Ban-

Mr. EDITION: The county commissioners and have made a careful and thorough examinating of the matter and the law matter and the part of the county of the saltary influence of well and early workache, to a careful and thorough castification at each of all matters connected with the county workache, and the county workache, and the county workache, and the saltary of the saltary influence of well and early county and the every find the saltary of the saltary influence of well allow upon the moral well of the limited, the commissioners at the financial phase of the eater province of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary of the saltary influence of well different and the saltary of the saltary influence of well differe tions to the Superintendent were to buy the best stock in market, and make the best boot that could possibly be produced by succeeded can be judged from the fact that the boots have been sold from Portland to Presque Isle, and have been pronounced by every dealer, without exception, who has handled them, to be the best boot offered them this season. Since work was suspended on boots, there has been made twenty dozen pairs of men's red slippers, and the gans. Since this memoranda was taken, Dec. 17th, there has been made some fifty dozen more of brogans, which are giving excellent satisfaction. More prison labor can be employed on present work than on tion of the work. Some of the inmat have made wonderful progress in their several departments. One finisher, sentenced for six months, is an accomplished work-

paid out on account of the shop. Of this sum there has been paid for stock, \$5016 .-49; and for labor, \$2340.14; making, \$7362.-63. Goods sold and goods and stock on hand, \$7460.99, leaving a small balance in favor of the shop. The balance of amount as reported by Mr. Starks, 8981.06, has been expended for tools, machinery, furniture and repairs, which remain as part of the permanent investment. No change has been

The only centennial celebrations we have voted unanimously not to advise the Gov- City Treasurer of Buffalo, and a member of prosecuted, such as hard times, low prices of wages. chias, Fryeburg and Waterford. At the Dingley on retiring from office was present- sconded, and an examination of the city ac- popular prejudice against prison labor, the former place, the one hundredth anniversary ed by his millitary staff, with the fine bronze counts shows a deficiency of \$350,000. He above is not a bad showing for the first six of the first sea fight in the Revolution was statuette of the Muse of History, which has confessed to several persons before he went months. The commissioners most respect been on exhibition at Rowse's window for away that his system of defalcation has fully, yet urgently, ask the public to judge several days. It was made in Austria, and been carried on during his two terms of of the enterprise, without prejudice, solely office as City Treasurer, using as cash on upon its merits, and to give it the moral in hand his individual checks on Lyon, Bork fluence of its sympathy until it can be fairly

> INSANE HOSPITAL. The Trustees of the transactions have been large, and his bonds- Maine Insane Hospital have made their anmen are considered ample security for any nual report to the Governor and Council. deficiency. The excitement caused is great, as he was one of the leading members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and considered and restoration of those placed in the Hos-

> to Canada.
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> It appears that 40.02 per cent. of all persons received into the hospital have been restored to mental health; 17.35 per cent. have been discharged, improved; 15.28 per cent. unimproved; 18.53 per cent, have died, and 08.77 per cent. remain in the hospital at the close of the year. With a view to com-

dedicated Thursday in Bangor. The exercises consisted of opening prayer, oration by ter 143 of the Revised Statutes, if municipal

The law of 1874 which returned so many unfortunates to almahouses and elsewhere, has served to keep at home many of that class who prior to the law were accustomed to apply for admission. With this statute in operation the Sup't will be able to regulate the supply and demand, so that further public provision for the insane will not be acceptable to see the supply and come. an absolute necessity for some time to come.

Mr. Lakin, the Steward and Treasurer, reports the expenditures the past year to be \$91,414.81. Net resources \$38,293,63.

The report of the Visiting Committee we have already published.

enger in Portland for nearly half a century died Thursday evening aged 80 years.

ers of the Bangor Commercial has been lissolved by the retirement of Mr. Butler.

He was a brother of the late Rev. J. H. Ing-

of New Hampshire Wednesday, Governor Cheney was renominated. The resolutions

Items of Maine News.

Gen. J. P. Cilley of Rockland has been elected President of the Knox County Bible The Master of the North Franklin Grange No. 186. of Phillips, P. of H., for the coming year is Josiah C. Beal. ear is Josiah C. Bear.
The Webb's river Grange met at Carthage
The Webb's river Grange met at Carthage
J.

on Dec. 25th for the election of officers. B. Staples was chosen Master. The next term of the Supreme Judio Court for Androscoggin county will open Tuesday Jan. 18th, Judge Libbey presiding. Over \$3000 have already been raised to-wards rebuilding the Congregational church in Norway.

The Lewiston Journal says a scamp has been collecting money in Lewiston for the Maine Standard and forging to receipts therefor the name of E. F. Pillsbury.

The young man Whitney waived examina-tion on the charge of stealing Mr. Scribner's norse at Lewiston and was bound over to the Bar Harbor now has a good library which upplies free entertainment and instruction o all the inhabitants who avail themselves

The dry goods store of A. G. Godfrey of Addison Point, was entirely destroyed by fire on Monday, the 27th ult. Mr. Godfrey's loss is quite heavy, but a partial insurance will enable him to go on, and he will build

of the Universalist Society of Rockland, have contracted with the Walworth Manu-

The Free Press says Mr. O. E. Blacking ton of Rockland, recently sold a colt 15 weeks old for \$287. It was sired by H. S.

Louis Annance, who died at Greenville on the 25th ult. was the oldest Mason in Pis-cataquis county, having been a member over 60 years. Mr. Annance was of Le Fran-

A marble monument, with appropriate in scription, has been erected in the village cemetery of Alfred, over the remains of the late Commander Weld Noble Allen, of the United States navy.

At the Caledonian party, Saturday night, at Lewiston, at 12 o'clock, George Hill, while wishing his friends a happy new year, dropped dead of heart disease. He was an Englishman and came from Canada.

The Republican says Mrs. Jeremiah Ack-ley of East Machias, who has for some time ley of East Machias, who has for some time been suffering with cancerous affection of the leg, had the limb amputated above the knee on Thursday, Dec. 23d.

Thomos D. Brean, a waiter at the Bangor

forty-nine years ago Mr. John Wharff and Mr. Summer Berry moved into what is known as the Reed neighborhood, three miles from Richmond village, and there the two have lived on adjoining farms, firm friends as well as near neighbors for almost half a century, till the death of Mr. Wharff last week.

There is considerable excitement in Biddeford over the alleged discovery of rich
silver quartz just off Maine street. George
H. Lord, while blasting for a cellar, procured a quartz, said to be the richest yet
shown to the State Assayer.

The State.

yet far removed from us, the great struggle through which the crisis of the country's fate and happy issue, presents itself as a stern school of citizenship ministering to the stability and prosperity of the new nation. It brings the mutual dependence of government and people home to every man with a strength of conviction no reasoning could conver.

value was put to the test, measures our need of it; and every battle-torn flag and smoke-begrimed musket—relic or trophy of the contest—every national note betokening the zeal and confidence of patriotism, admonishes that the welfare of their country is in the people's own keeping.

tion upon which they founded the new State, acknowledged with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in affording them an opportunity so favorable to the design they had in view.

We, of this day, recalling anew the moulding of our common country under the auspices of the new and grand belief in the high average of human worth; the dedication of it to that principle, and the subsequent prosperity and happiness which has justified the idea of liberty and the theory of equal rights, can but feel in our hearts to own our obligations for the favor acknowlined by the fathers of the State; and, with the perils of the recent past vividly before

for six months, is an accomplished workman. Two bottomers are doing work that wood do credit to journeymen, and two closers are diligently and quietly plying the many consistency of the privilege.

During the last quarter there have been away, doing work good enough to give them an honest living in the future. The most pleasing feature about the shop, is the quiet and cheerful attention that all appear to give to their work.

Agricultural Society was held at Lewiston on the list inst. Quite a number of new members were added. Dr A. Garcelon was elected President for the ensuing year.

The Lincoln County News says Mr. Danielet Oax, an old and prominent clitizen, died at his residence in Damariscotta, Wednesday to the has the fullest confidence in the enterprise, and is in full and enthusiastic sympathy with the objective point, viz.: the moral impact of the limits of the fullest confidence in the enterprise, and is in full and enthusiastic sympathy with the objective point, viz.: the moral impact of the fuller of the people to support of the fuller of the people to support of the fuller of the people to support and the fuller of the fuller of the people to support and the fuller of the fuller of the state; and, with the perils of the fuller of the Androscoggin the fuller of the Androscoggin to the fuller of the Androscoggin to the fuller of the Androscoggin the full the state is an about the shout the full the full that the owing to the failure of the people to support on support them, although the course was an excellent one.

John Marshall, an employe of Stevens Bros., in Milton Plantation, cut his hand very severely on a circular saw last Tuesday. It was a very narrow escape from losing the entire hand.

Senerally conceded that they abandoned the succession, was ploneered by the lardy and adventurous sons of Maine. It is generally conceded that they abandoned the substance for the shadow; that if their ensurements of the form as to proceed under the new law against the delinquent ten en law against the delinquent ten enw law against th

of Mr. Harvey Chisam. The business will be continued at the old stand by the remaining partners, Messrs. Robinson & Cony.—The map of Augusta recently issued, the subscription price to which was \$10, is now offered for sale at \$2.50, without any takers. It is worthless at any price.—The Universallst Parish Sociable will be altist (Thursday) evening at the residence of M.

V. B. Chase on State street.—The Council of the ward of the manimously not to advise the Government of the parish of t respects with the extent of our territory.
Our State is now involved in the depresion of business, and cessation of enterprision. sion of business, and cessation of enterprise everywhere prevalent. The shadow of the war is still upon us. Some of its incidents are yet remaining. Prominent among them is the continual employment of the substitute for sound money which is imposed. While the states have eturned to their old-time relations to the country, and the army time relations to the country, and the army and navy of the Union have been re-estab-

and navy of the Union have been re-established upon a peace footing, the currency of the country continuous to retain its war character. The people of the State are substantially of one mind in demanding relief from the fickle medium of exchange which has been tolerated solely for the sake of the great good it was created to subserve, and in desiring the recall of the banished currency, the only one adapted to the uses of peace. They look to the National Government to effect his as speedily as is consistent with any sacrifice not absolutely unendurable. It would be far better to pay directly in taxes the certain interest of the

failing bounty of our soil, and largely to the admirable spirit and patience with which the adversities of this period of transition, as it is by common consent regarded, have been met. Manufacturing has been carried on with but little prospect of remunerative

400. The payment of the matured bonds and additions to the sinking funds to the amount of \$272.589.75, constitute an actual reduction of the debt the past year of \$301,-689.72. The present net indebtedness, after deducting the amount of the sinking fund, is \$5,272,688.28.

SINKING FUNDS. An act of the Legislature approved February 24, 1875, provided for the extinction of the sinking fund of 1765, by the cancellation of the bonds of the State of Maine con-

cured a quartz, said to be the richest yet of shown to the State Assayer.

Messrs Sawin & Teague of Caribou, who asspended a few weeks since, have made a statement with their creditors at the rate of 35 cents on a dollar, payable in installments within the regulation of the sinking fund of 1765, by the cancellation of the bouds of the State of Maine contained therein, and the transfer of the reason as dollar, payable in installments with their creditors at the rate of 35 cents on a dollar, payable in installments with their creditors at the reason as dollar, payable in installments with their creditors at the reason as dollar, payable in installments with their creditors at the reason as dollar, payable in installments with their creditors at the reason as dollar, payable in installments with their creditors at the reason as dollar, payable to the fund to the sink of the fund to th

built, and travel resumed its wonted course.

William Irish, born in Hartford, eightytwo years and nine months ago, died on the
22d, near the place of his birth, from the
effects of a paralytic shock. He was known
in all the region as the oldest person in the
district, the last survivor of the war of 1812
and an upright man in all the walks of life.

The Progressive Age says several of the
farmers of that county are the victims of
the treasurer to defer action looking to the
substitution until it shall appear to hin to
be for the victims have paid rather than go
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duced by the cancellation of some of its government and people home to every man with a strength of conviction no reasoning could convey.

The price paid for nationality when its value was put to the test, measures our need of it; and every battle-torn flag and smoke-begrimed musket—relic or trophy of the contest—every national note betokening the zeal and confidence of patriotism, admonish-relications. a matter well worthy of your consideration, whether its interests would not be subserved people's own keeping.

A little more than half a century ago the people of Maine, in ordaining the constitution upon which they founded the new State, doubted value.

whether its interests would not be subserved by enlarging the list of authorized investments for the sinking fund, by the addition of some other classes of securities of undoubted value. ments for the sinking fund, by the addition of some other classes of securities of undoubted value.

hardy and adventurous sons of Maine. It is generally conceded that they abandoned the substance for the shadow; that if their energy, experience and capital had been employed at home, and if their example had fostered a spirit of contentment, they would, as a whole, have enlarged their own success in life, as well as advanced the importance and prosperity of their State.

Maine had thus far been sorely drained when the war away many of heavens. egislative act taxing this corporation."

Of the \$50,384.52 received from the tax on

railroad companies for 1874, the sum of \$3,-035.83 has been apportioned to the cities and towns wherein shareholders had their

in savings banks yields a large and easily collected revenue, one half of which is appropriate. by law for the use of schools, and one half to the use of the State. durable. It would be far better to pay directly in taxes the certain interest of the bonded debt in which the government notes may be funded, than to bear the uncertainties, and suffer from the discouragements to enterprise caused by the fictitious importance they are now invested with.

The year upon which we now look back has been a fairly prosperous one. At least, thas not been one of unusual hardship, I has not been such is due to the upon the continuance and growth of a fund readily accessible to taxation, constituted by earnings and surplus capital which might otherwise, and surplus capital which might obtain a coessible to taxation, constituted by earnings and surplus capital which might obtain a coessible to taxation, constituted by earnings and surplus capital which might obtain a coessible to taxation, constituted by earnings and surplus capital which might obtain a coessible to taxation, constituted by e or tending to repel deposits. Institutions recently organized, or suffering from the failure of investments, finding tiemselves unable to declare the maximum dividend anowed by law, may be appreciously that the consequences will prove unfavorable to them. It should be borne in mind, however, that a low rate of luterest is the rule affecting all capital seeking investment, and that, while it continues in force,

183,000 dating with the precision, they are required to send him to the hospital with a certificate, stating the yrance and underedung the previous. Hence a person may be sent to the previous the prev miums, deducted \$347,716 89, for losses paid, and \$390,086,27 for other items, thus reducing the taxable amount to \$75,298.21. In the case of life companies the deductions practically defeat the purpose of the law, which was undoubtedly, to levy a just share of taxation upon the large amount tal drawn from the State by them.

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and Treference to the interest was passed, as it probably was, adherence to that principle of conformity to the ruling rate of interest, manifestly requires a forther the small and the State within the year.
The special tax commissioner, whose report led to the taxation of other corporations, recommended therein that the recepts of express companies be subjected to tax, and that telegraph companies remain untaxed, but without assigning a reason for the exemption advised. I respectfully rethese companies that the sales of the sa

you, would be the repeal of so much of the act referred to—that of February 24, 1875—as relates to the execution and issue of new bonds. The Legislature would then retain control of the matter and be left to provide for the payment of the loans in question, or

ports that the pension appropriation for the past year has not been entirely expended. and precious years of youth or manhood to the country's service, and of their families suffering from the loss of the bread-winner. THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

The present common school system is the outgrowth of the confirmation by the war of the conviction, that the safety of the country rests upon the intelligence of its citizens. Duty and self-interest unite in in ducing the State to give the amplest facili-ties for education; to spare nothing to pro-vide what Luther styled the "best and cost-liest possession of a city, a plenty of fine, learned, rational, honorable, well-brought

The good results of the system are best results attainable for education. mprovements are left to be made munities for themselves, as ever munities for themselves, as example and experience shall enforce the necessity for them. Others, required to supply defects which the workings of the system have dis-

covered, and for the general benefit, it is the province of the Legislature to make. The supercession of the district by the of our political organization. From it proceeded in great part the influences and the ministration of the affairs of these "little re-

fectively promote the usefulness of the schools as by providing for the supply of ard character, differing according

instruction, but the simplest calcula demonstrates the hopeless inadequacy of their utmost capacity to meet more than a fraction of the demand for skilled teachers. The school law makes it the duty of the

Governor and Council, when they have reason to believe that any town has neglected to raise and expend the school money required by law, or to faithfully expend the be made a pre-requisite to the receipt of the State gratuity. The necessity for such leg-islation is made apparent by the fact that a large number of towns have voluntarily furnished reports in answer to inquiry, to conform to the law as to temporarily for-feit their right to the State school money. This state of things is far from proving that nore money is set apart for brought into the schools who ought to be brought thither, and who would be if the compulsory measures provided by law should be resorted to; when the schools are properly graded and trained teachers, worthy of increased hire, can be procured, there will then be no embarrassment of riches. The delinquent towns have simply failed to accommodate themselves to the new order of things, which demands more schools with longer duration, better in-

To believe that the welfare of the sensors would suffer no detriment for the present, if the State school funds should be charged with the payment of the annual expenses of the normal schools and the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

SAVINGS BANKS. The Bank Examiner reports sixty-four savings banks in operation in this State, five of which organized and commenced business within the past year. The deposits therein for the year ending November 30, 1875, amounted to \$32,083.314.28, an increase of \$1,021,350.55 in 1875, \$474,089.34 less than the increase in 1874. The position less than the increase in 1874. The non-iuterest paying securities owned by the banks amount to \$1,190,380.23, a sum greater than cess of the deposits in savings banks above the capital, circulation and deposit of Na-tional Banks, is about \$7,500,000. The Ex-

upon the deposits in savings banks has al-ready been referred to. The course which has been pursued by some savings banks in drawing upon their reserved earnings for

amount of \$63,803.72, have been paid into the treasury.

A commission, composed of the Govern-or, State Treasurer and Land Agent, was

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A waif from Carroll's wildest hills, Unstoried and unknown; The ursine learent of its name. Provis un its banks alons. Yet flowers as f. ir its slopes adorn As ever Yarrow knew. on over turrow knew.
Or, under ramy irish skies,
By Spenier's Mulla grow,
And through the gaps of leaning trees.
Its mountain crastle shows;
The gold against the amethyst,
The green against the rose.

Touched by a light that hath no name, A glory never sung.
Aloft on sky and mountain wall Are God's groat pictures hung.
How changed the summits vast and old!
No longer grantic-browed,
They melt in rosy mist; the rock
Is softer than the c'out;
The valley holds its breath; no leaf
Of all its elms is twirled:
The ailence of eteroity
Seems failing on the world.

The pause before the breaking seals Of mystery is this;

Of mystery is this;
Yon miracle-play of night and day
Makes dumb its witnesses.
What unseen altar crowns the hills
That reach up stair on stair?
What eyes look through, what white wings
The purple veils of air?
What Presence from the heavenly heights
To those of earth stoops down?
Not vainly Hellas dreamed of gods
On Ida's snowy crown!

Slow fades the vision of the sky. The golden water pales, show fades the vision of the sky,
The golien water pales,
And over all the valley-land
A gray-winged vapor sails.
I go the common way of all;
The sunset fires will burn,
The divers will blow, the river flow,
When I no more return.
So whisper from the mountain pine
Nor lapsing stream shall tell
The stranger, treading where I tread,
Of him who loved them well.

But Beauty seen is never lost,
God's colors all are fast;
The glory of this sunset heaven
Into my soul has passed,—
A sense of glatiness unconfined
To mortal date of clime;
As the soul liveth, it shall live
Beyond the years or tune.
Beside the mystic asphodels
Shall bloom the home-born flowers,
And new horizons flush and glow
With sunset hues of ours.

Farswell these smiling hills must wear
Too soon their wintry irown,
And anow-cold winds from off them shake
The maple's red leaves down.
But I shall see a summer sun
Still setting broad and low;
The mountain slopes shall blush and bloom,
The golden water flow.
A lover's claim is mine on all
I see to have and hold,
The rose-light of personal hill. he rose-light of perpetual hill, And sunset never cold!

Our Story Teller. SEEING BETTER DAYS.

-Atlantic Monthly.

The widow Minton had seen better days. How far back wasn't exactly certified: but she had seen them. Better days hung mouldily about her, like the defaced shreds of autousted embrodiers.

f antiquated embroidiery.

The sturdy gossips of the sea-side village. who went out with their skirts tucked up and their bare brown arms ready and able for any work, looked askance at the widow Minton, with her pitiful meagreness of aspect, her flickering black eye, and her trailing old gewn. They nudged each other and said, "Better days—Lord save us!"

But the widow did not trouble the neighbors much, nor they her. A body who couldn't do a heartsome hand's stirring week.

"You don't look able for much work."

answer.

And then—oh, sufficient reward for all her efforts!—this real lady, this fair young girl with the soft hands and the pretty bathing dreas, actually replied, "I thought so." "Here, give me an oar," she added, still captiag. "But, my dear soul, we'll never

"Saved your lite;

ar in all his life had heard of many anything before.

Tom, stupid and staring, was hurried off in search of the missing garments. And, meanwhile his mother betook herself to making a cup of tea for her protege. It was wonderful how a little warmth of human feeling had roused this woman to life and activity again.

When Tom returned, laden with various articles of apparel, the two were quietly sipping their tea together at the old round table.

The did not return alone, however. Followed the surface of education. Well, if you can't teach, you can surely do something! Wat do you say, Eleanor, to a situation?"

The color fluttered in Eleanor's shere a nink and white apple blossom.

Taking a Situation.

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my family. Twenty-five dollars a month pocket money—the care of Aunt Prudence's cat and canary! And to make yourself generally useful!"

"Oh! uncla." oried I, Eleanor would have been so glad to come if she had known it!"

"All the coat of arms on the panel, and a with her coat of arms on the panel, and a with her coat of arms on the panel.

The Nurse's Song.

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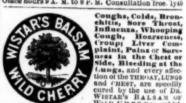
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